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At page 2, line 1 before the section entitled "Background of the Invention" please enter a new paragraph:

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--This application claims priority to EP 99870280.7 filed 21 December 1999 and EP 00870195.5 filed 08 September 2000.--

At page 6 spanning 7, please amend the final paragraph to read:

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Fig. 4: Comparison between LIA using synthetic peptides of the present invention (= Fg LIA), Western Blot with natural filaggrin (= Fg Blot) and the APF fluorescence test using human